



Elder's Mills: The Eagle Eye
Soaring on Wings of Character, Community and Diversity
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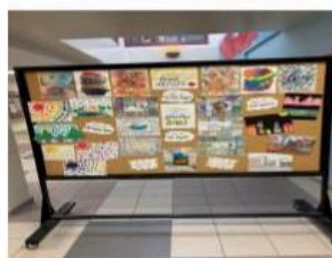


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What's happening @ Elder's Mills!

Black History Month Celebration:

On Wednesday, March 6, students and staff assembled in the gym to share and celebrate their learning. At Elder's Mills, we recognize and honor the contributions of Black leaders, artists, scientists, and changemakers—not just in February, but every month. Through reading, writing, art, music, and discussions, students explore and deepen their understanding of how Black individuals have shaped history and continue to inspire us. We thank our amazing teachers and staff for guiding and supporting our students on this learning journey. Their dedication to creating meaningful lessons and experiences is truly appreciated. We also wish to thank our students for their curiosity, hard work, and enthusiasm. Their projects, performances, and reflections made the celebration special.



Elder's Mills Represents at the York Region Skills Challenge!

Congratulations to the YRSC team who competed in the York Region Skills Challenge on March 6th. The team represented well. Here are the standings:
 Construction Team - Bronze Medal!
 WorkPlace Safety - Bronze Medal and 5th place!
 Prepared Speech - 5th place!

We are very proud of your hard work and dedication! Way to go Eagles!



Congratulations!

The Intermediate Girls Basketball Team played in the Regional Elite 8 Championship for the third consecutive year! The team placed 3rd in the tournament! Felicitations! Go Eagles! We are proud of you!



Carnaval Week @ EMPS!

What an incredible Carnaval week we had! A huge thank you to our student leaders and their teacher facilitators for organizing such a fantastic week of Spirit Days, Bingo and a Banner contest. We're also grateful to our students for participating in the fun by showing up in team jerseys, cozy sweaters, hats, scarves, and more!

Our Carnaval Activity Day was filled with both indoor and outdoor fun. A special thank you to Bonhomme Carnaval for taking time out of their busy schedule to visit us at Elder's Mills. We will see you again next year!



Notes from the Office

Going on vacation? Please report your absence!

We wish all of our families a wonderful March Break! If you are planning a vacation and know that you will not be returning to school by Monday, March 17, please remember to submit your child's absence through EDSBY or email the school's attendance email at: elders.mills.ps.attendance@yrdsb.ca.



When the school **cannot confirm a child's absence**, we follow our **Safe arrival procedures** and this may include reaching out to **York Regional Police** to help locate and ensure the **safety** of your child. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Yearbook 2024 -2025

The 2024 - 2025 Yearbook is coming together. Mme Wong and a group of Grade 8 students are collaborating to build a book of 64-colour pages filled with milestones, moments and memories for the whole school! Each copy is \$30.00. Yearbook Sales are open now. Please go to [School Cash online](#) for details and to make a purchase. if you'd like to purchase a yearbook.



Yearbook Photos - Consent

Yearbooks chronicle the activities of the school and student body. They are produced for sale (hard copy or digital) to students and the school community. School yearbooks may be placed in the school library in hardcopy or electronic format.



Class photos, photos of your child's participation in school clubs, activities and events, work products by your child, and your child's achievements may be published in the yearbook along with their grade and full name.

Please complete and submit this form if you DO NOT CONSENT to your child's photo and/or name being published in the yearbook. Complete a separate form for each child. Submit by March 31, 2025.

[Student Personal Information Consent Form](#)

Lunch Assistant Needed

If you or anyone you know would like to be a PAID Lunch Assistant please contact the office. We are seeking people to supervise students while they are eating lunch and then playing outside at recess. The commitment is one hour per day. Please email the school at elders.mills.ps@yrdsb.ca if you are interested.



School Spirit Wear

The online store is open. Merchandise ordered will be delivered to the school every 3 weeks. All proceeds will fund school enhancements and programs. Shop online by following this link:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/eldersmills/shop/home>



Hot Lunches:

The Lunchbox program is live through: <https://www.schoolcashionline.com>. Orders can be placed by Sunday of each week. You may order one week at a time or several weeks all together; there are many options!



Upcoming Events to Watch For:

- Coffee Drop In - March 18th
- DATE CHANGE! Next school council meeting will be held April 10th.

If you wish to connect with School Council, please email elders.mills.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

In the YRDSB6



Trans Day of Visibility Celebration

We invite 2SLGBTQIA+ and ally students, families, and staff of all ages to join us for an evening of community, connection, and celebration as we honour Trans Day of Visibility! This event is free to attend.

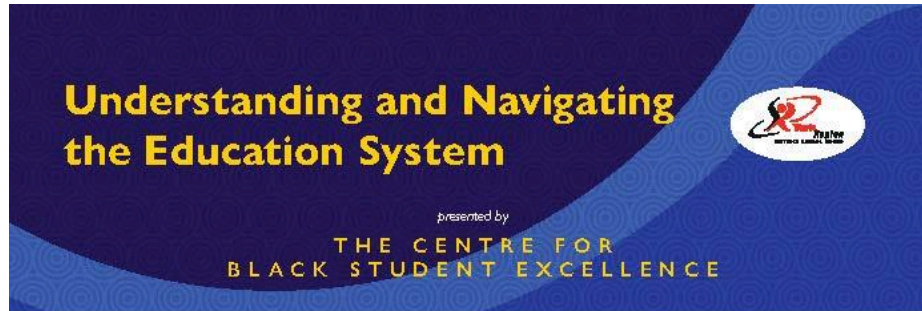
Location: Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, 39 Dunning Ave, Aurora, ON L4G 1A2
Date & Time: Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 6pm-8pm

Hoodie Swap Bring a hoodie, take a hoodie! Find comfortable and affirming clothing.	Community Resources Connect with local organizations supporting Queer youth & families.	Art & Activities Express yourself through creative stations and Queer & Trans trivia.	Eat Enjoy pizza and snacks during the event.	Connect Connect with peers and families with shared identities and experiences
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To Register
To Register: Attendance is free, but please fill out a [registration form](#) by March 18, 2025.
If you have any further questions, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca







**Families of YRDSB Black Students
Monthly Information Session**

**Monday, March 24, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on YRDSB Speciality Programs
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session

Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[Register now.](#)

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

In the Community

Black History Gala

Aurora Black Community is hosting a Black History Gala on April 11, 2025. Attendees can expect an evening of culture, flavor and celebration! Visit the website for more information & to register. Administrators are asked to share with your community. Click the link below for information.



[Aurora Black Community Black History Gala](#)

March 8 is International Women's Day!

International Women's Day has been recognized for over a century, with the first IWD gathering of over a million people in 1911. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and gender parity. Following the United Nations' lead, Canada declared March 8 as International Women's Day. To achieve a gender equal world, it is essential to notice and name the existing inequality and examine and challenge unconscious biases and harmful gender-based stereotypes.



March is Persian Heritage Month

In 2021 the government of Ontario proclaimed March as Persian Heritage Month to recognize the contributions of over 200,000 Ontarians of Persian descent.

Since the 1970s to present day, the Persian community has played a significant role in shaping the province's economic, political, social, and cultural landscape. Rooted in one of the world's oldest civilizations, Persian culture has enriched Ontario's identity for generations. In the month of March, millions of Persians from around the world celebrate Nowruz, the beginning of their new year with a special significance of the relationship between nature and human life.



March is Hellenic Heritage Month

In 2019, the Government of Ontario proclaimed March as Hellenic Heritage Month.

There are over 270,000 Canadians of Hellenic or Greek descent living in Canada, with more than half residing in Ontario. Since the early nineteenth century, immigrants from Greece have made significant contributions to Ontario's culture, economy, and various fields such as education, law, medicine, science, and politics. Greece's vast history, including its structures for democratic governance, philosophy, and scientific methodologies, have influenced many present-day practices and structures in Canada. Greek Independence Day, celebrated on March 25, marks Greece's liberation from the Ottoman Empire in 1821.



Bangladeshi Heritage Month

In 2016, the Government of Ontario proclaimed March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month.

Ontario is home to over 50,000 people of Bengali heritage who have made significant contributions to the province's scientific, cultural, athletic, and political development. Every year on March 26th, Bangladeshis worldwide celebrate Independence Day, commemorating their nation's independence in 1971 with music, parades, and various gatherings.



On the Horizon....

March

Character Trait: Perseverance

Persian Heritage Month

Hellenic Heritage Month

Bangladeshi Heritage Month

8 International Women's Day

9 Daylight Saving Time - Spring forward!

10 - 14 March Break

14 Holi

14 Purim

17 Irish Heritage Day in Ontario

19 Eco Fair @ EMPS

20 and 21 Naw-ruz/Nowruz

21 Earth Hour @ EMPS

31 Eid-ul-Fitr

Irish Heritage Day

In 2004, March 17 was declared Irish Heritage Day in Ontario. This day is of particular significance as it is St. Patrick's Day, a day to commemorate the patron saint of the Irish. There are over 2 million people of Irish descent living in Ontario today. In the mid-1800s, Irish immigrants came to Canada, fleeing a potato famine in Ireland, and have since made a significant impact on shaping the cultural and historical landscape in Ontario.

Holi Hinduism

A religious spring festival celebrated by people throwing colourful powder and coloured water at each other. Holi is dedicated to Krishna or Kama.

Purim Judaism

Celebrates victory over an oppressive ruler, as related in the Book of Esther, which is read at this time.

NawRuz/Nowruz (Islam, Bahai)

A festival that marks the beginning of the Persian New Year and the first day of spring. It signifies a time of spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation, as well as a spirit of gratitude for blessings and an outlook of hope and optimism.



